**Custom duty on pesticides and insecticides**

@1104. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the pesticides and insecticides which have been granted custom duty concessions during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what are the names of three leading importers of each of these pesticides and insecticides;

(c) what was the custom duty before the concession and what is the custom duty after the concession alongwith the date from which the concession became applicable; and

(d) what has been the import of each and the CIF value of imports during the last three years, year-wise?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (c) Statement to this reply gives required details of pesticides and insecticides which have been granted customs duty concession during the last three years. (*See below*)

(b) and (d) The Ministry of Finance does not maintain separate statistics importer-wise for each of these pesticides and insecticides.

@Previously, Unstarred Question 645, Transferred from the 19th March, 1990.

**Statement**

(a) and (c) The following pesticides and insecticides have been granted concessional rates of custom duty during the last 3 years and the rates as revised from time to time.

| Sl. No. | Description | Percentage Import Duty | | Period |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Basic | Aux. Duty | |
| 1. | Monocrotophos | 25 | 45 | 1-3-88 to 23-1-89 |
| | | 60 | 45 | 4-1-89 till date |
| 2. | Methylparathion | 25 | 45 | 1-3-88 to 23-1-89 |
| | | 60 | 45 | 24-1-89 till date |
| 3. | Dimethoate | 25 | 45 | 1-3-88 till date |
| 4. | BHC | 25 | 45 | Do. |
| 5. | Malthion | 25 | 45 | Do. |
| 6. | Endosulphan | 25 | 45 | Do. |
| 7. | Phorate | 25 | 45 | Do. |
| 8. | Mancozeb | 25 | 45 | Do. |
| 9. | Zineb | 25 | 45 | Do. |
| 10. | Maneb | 25 | 45 | 1-3-88 to 17-7-88 |
| | | 60 | 45 | 18-7-88 till date |
| 11. | Thiram | 25 | 45 | 1-3-88 till date |
| 12. | 2, 4-D | 25 | 45 | 1-3-88 till date |

| Sl. No. | Description | Percentage Import Duty | | Period |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Basic | Aux. Duty | |
| 13. | Butachlor | 25 | 45 | 1-3-88 to 18-7-88 |
| | | 45 | 45 | 19-7-88 to 23-1-89 |
| | | 60 | 45 | 24-1-89 till date |
| 14. | Benthiocarb | 25 | 45 | 1-3-88 till date |
| 15. | Isoproturan | 25 | 45 | Do. |
| 16. | Carbaryl | 25 | 45 | From 20-3-90 |
| 17. | Carbofuran | 25 | 45 | From 20-3-90 |
| 18. | B.P.M.C. | 25 | 45 | Do. |
| 19. | Edifenphos | 25 | 45 | Do. |
| 20. | Bitertanol | 25 | 45 | Do. |
| 21. | Alachlor | 25 | 45 | Do. |
| 22. | Triallate | 25 | 45 | Do. |
| 23. | Thiophenate Methyl | 25 | 45 | Do. |

Immediately prior to 1-3-88, the rate of duty on pesticides and insecticides was 60 percent (basic) + 45 percent (auxiliary) + Nil Additional Duty (Total 105 percent). The pesticides and insecticides are statutorily exempted from Excise Duty. Hence no additional duty is payable.

**Export of Ayurvedic medicines**

@@1105. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that herbal (Ayurvedic) medicines are being exported from India;

(b) if so, what are the names of the countries which are major importers of herbal medicines together with the yearwise value of exports to these during the last three years;

(c) whether any project has been implemented by Government for identification and cultivation of medicinal herbs and plants in India for export as well as for domestic uses; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major importer of herbal medicines from India is USSR. Herbal medicines are exported to Singapore, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, UAE, USA, UK, West Germany, Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland, Canada, Australia and Mauritius also.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 736, transferred from the 19th March, 1990.